

Who We Are and What We Do

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide support to assure optimal functioning of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in their homes, schools, and communities.

Our Goals and Strategies

- Coordinate care for eligible families and CYSHCN through referrals, care coordination, and transition assistance.
- Provide payment assistance for eligible CYSHCN for medical services and supplies, orthodontia services, and services and supplies for audiological defects.
- Provide a rewarding summer residential camping experience at Camp Burnt Gin for CYSHCN ages 7–25.



Create and Sustain Systems of Care

Programs within the Division of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs are consistent with national goals for systems for family-centered care coordination and collaborative decision-making at all levels of care.

Care Coordination

CYSHCN teams of nurses, social workers and registered dietitians work with patients, families, and providers to assist with obtaining needed services and supplies and providing financial assistance for children, youth, and young adults up to age 21 with special health care needs.

Financial Assistance

Programs within the Division of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs provide payment assistance for medically necessary services, supplies, equipment, and/or prescription drugs through several programs for eligible persons with no other payment source.

Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS) Program

CRS provides medically necessary services, supplies, equipment, and/or prescription drugs for eligible children and youth to age 18 years with a wide array of chronic or physically disabling conditions requiring specialized care.

Hearing Program

The Hearing Program helps assure optimal health and functioning of children, youth, and young adults with diagnosed hearing loss. This program provides supplies for hearing aids, cochlear implants, and bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) to facilitate healthy growth and development of language and speech.

Hemophilia Premium Assistance Program

The CYSHCN Program provides premium and copayment assistance for blood products for home infusion and related supplies for eligible South Carolina residents with hemophilia or other blood coagulation (clotting) disorders.

Orthodontia Program

This program funds orthodontic and related services for eligible children and youth with defects of the mouth, teeth, or jaw that result in a severe functional impairment.

Sickle Cell Services

This program provides care coordination and payment assistance for eligible persons to receive medical services, supplies, equipment and prescriptions for individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

Special Formula Program

The Division provides specialty formula for program-eligible infants and children with nutritional conditions affecting their normal growth and development.

Division of Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs at-a-Glance

Care Coordination	Financial Assistance	Camp Burnt Gin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals to agencies and organizations that assist families of children with special needs • Linking families to needed services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRS • Hearing • Orthodontia • Hemophilia Premium Assistance • Sickle Cell Services • Special Formula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential camp for children, youth, and young adults with disabilities

CYSHCN Program Highlights

Sickle Cell Disease

Each year in South Carolina, an estimated 70 babies are born with sickle cell disease (SCD). DHEC is developing a Sickle Cell State Plan in collaboration with members of community based organizations (CBOs), health care providers and other community members. This plan will provide a framework in which state agencies, CBOs, and health care providers better coordinate services and resources for adults and children with SCD. A key component of the plan is the life course approach to provision of services to persons with SCD.

Camp Burnt Gin

Camp Burnt Gin (CBG) is a summer residential camp for children, youth, and young adults with a wide array of chronic and/or physical disabilities. CBG's mission is to provide a camp experience that will improve campers' self-esteem, fostering independence and the skills necessary to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Camp Burnt Gin has served over 25,000 campers since 1945.



Did You Know?

To operate Camp Burnt Gin, DHEC employs over fifty people part-time each summer, including counselors, nurses, activity specialist, waterfront director and assistance, grounds support, laundry, and cooking staff. Volunteers, DHEC and community staff also help operate the Camp.

These dedicated people help make each session memorable for the over 460 campers who attend each summer.



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